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COMMUNICATION FACILITIES IMPROVE

REDUCES DOMESTIC POSTAL RATES -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 1 Jul 50

Peiping, 30 June (Hsin-hua) -- The Ministry of Posts, Telephone, and Telegraph has reduced a part of the domestic postal rates, effective 1 July 1950, as follows:

Local delivery letters -- reduced from 800 yuan to 400.

1 Out-of-town letters -- no change, 800.

Local delivery registered letters -- reduced from 3,200 yuan to 1,600.

Out-of-town registered letters -- reduced from 3,300 yuan to 2,000.

Local delivery registered letters with return receipt requested -- reduced from 5,600 yuan to 2,800.

Out-of-town registered letters with return receipt requested -- reduced from 5,600 yuan to 3,200.

Local special delivery letters -- reduced from 4,000 yuan to 2,000.

Out-of-town special delivery letters -- reduced from 4,000 yuan to 2,400.

No reduction was made in postal rates in the Northeast.

COMMUNISTS ISSUE NEW POSTAGE STAMPS -- Tsingtao Jih-pao, 4 Jul 50

Peiping, 2 July (Hsin-hua) -- On 1 July 1950, the Ministry of Posts, Telephone, and Telegraph began selling a new set of commemorative postage stamps throughout China. The new stamps carry pictures of the ceremony held in Peiping on 1 October 1949 celebrating the founding of the People's Republic of China and of Mao Tse-tung. These stamps will be in use until the end of 1950.

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The stamps are printed in 12 different denominations: 800, 1,000, 2,000 and 3,000 yuan stamps in people's bank notes; 5,000, 10,000, 20,000, and 30,000 yuan stamps in Northeast currency; and 7, 20, 25, and 100 yuan stamps in Kwantung district currency.

Some Northeast and Kwantung stamps will be sold at post offices in Peiping, Tientsin, Shanghai, Hankow, Canton, Chungking, and Sian.

CANTON POST OFFICE BEGINS AIRMAIL SERVICE -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 10 Aug 50

Canton, 9 August -- The Canton Post Office has begun accepting letters, post cards, newspapers, and publications for airmail service to the following cities: Peiping, Tientsin, T'ai-yuan, Sian, Lan-chou, Chiu-ch'uan, Hankow, Chungking, Ch'eng-tu, Kuei-yang, K'un-ming, Mukden, Harbin, Ch'i-ch'i-ha-erh, Urumchi, and Kuldja.

Postage for airmail service is 3,000 yuan (people's bank notes) for each gram in addition to the postage for ordinary mail.

STOPS AIRMAIL SERVICE TO SW CHINA -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 23 Aug 50

Hong Kong, 22 August -- A news item from Shanghai reports that the Shanghai Postal Control Bureau has discontinued airmail service from Shanghai to Chungking, Ch'eng-tu, Kuei-yang, and K'un-ming. The reason for discontinuation of this service was not revealed.

HONG KONG-SHANGHAI AIRMAIL SERVICE BEING CONSIDERED -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 30 Aug 50

Hong Kong -- The Hong Kong Post Office is considering the restoration of airmail service between Hong Kong and Shanghai since they received two letters from the Canton Postal Control Bureau requesting the beginning of this service now that there is airmail service between Peiping and Shanghai, Peiping and Canton, Chungking and Ch'eng-tu, and Chungking and Canton. However, the Hong Kong authorities revealed that under the present Communist airmail routes, mail going from Hong Kong to Shanghai must first be sent by land to Canton, then by air to Peiping, and then again by air from Peiping to Shanghai.

EXPANDS TIENSIN'S LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICE -- Tientsin Jih-pao, 5 Jul 50

Tientsin -- Long-distance telephone service between Tientsin and Sian will be relayed by wire between Tientsin and Peiping, and between Peiping and Cheng-chou beginning 1 July 1950.

Long-distance telephone service between Tientsin and Pen-ch'i and An-tung in the Northeast region went into operation on 4 July 1950. No time limit is placed on the length of conversations.

SHANGHAI TO INSTALL NEW TELEPHONES -- Shanghai Wen-hui Pao, 20 Jul 50

Shanghai -- The Shanghai Telephone Company has issued a notice that it is in a position to install 300 telephones in each of two sections of the city, as follows:

1. The Central section, bounded on the east by Chung-shan Tung I Lu, on the south by Yen-an Tung Lu, on the west by Honan Chung Lu, and on the north by Soochow Creek.

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2. The Fukien section, bounded on the east by Honan Chung Lu, on the south by Yen-an Tung Lu, on the west by Huang Ho Lu and on the north by So-chow Creek.

Application for the installation of telephones will be accepted from residents, at present without telephones, of these two sections only, between 20 and 26 July 1950. The applications will be investigated and approved for installation up to the number of sets available in the order of urgency of the needs as determined by the company after investigations.

The public is warned against admitting to their premises unauthorized and unscrupulous persons posing as representatives of the company with the hope of obtaining bribes.

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